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Applicant : Lorin R. DeBonte, et al. Art Unit : Unknown
Serial No. : 09/771,904 Examiner : Unknown
Filed : January 29, 2001
Title : FATTY ACID DESATURASES AND MUTANT SEQUENCES THEREOF

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A petition under 37 CFR § 1.47(a) was filed on March 29, 2001, requesting that the above-identified application be made on behalf of Mr. Lorin R. DeBonte, Mr. Zhegong Fan and Mr. Guo-Hua Miao. The petition indicated that Mr. Miao refused to join in the application, and requested waiver of the requirement for an executed Declaration under 37 § CFR 1.63 from Mr. Miao.

Applicants submit herewith a Declaration under 37 CFR §1.63, executed by Mr. Miao. In view of the enclosed Declaration, Applicants submit that Mr. Miao has joined in the application pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.47(a), which permits a nonsigning inventor to subsequently join in an application.

The enclosed Declaration under 37 CFR §1.63 reflects the new residence address of Mr. Miao, which is 8617 NW 70th Court, Johnston, Iowa, 50131. Mr. Miao has indicated on the enclosed Declaration that he is now a citizen of the United States.

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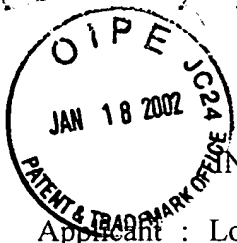
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Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Correspondence relating to this application is enclosed:

1. Communication (2 pgs.);
2. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pgs.);
3. Return Postcard.

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